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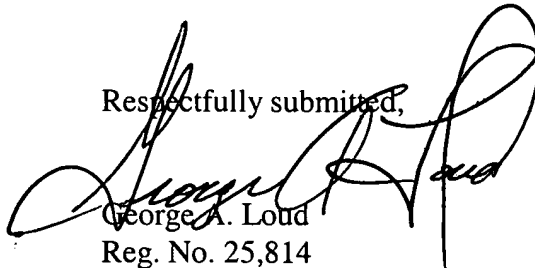
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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a copy of the International Search Report issued in connection with the international application on which the above-identified national phase application is based. Also submitted herewith are copies of the three references cited in that International Search Report, together with a published English language abstract of Japanese Kokai 8-188720. It is respectfully requested that the examiner consider and cite of record the three references submitted here.

The relevance of EP 654711 is discussed at page 3, line 2 to page 4, line 20 of applicants' specification.

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